

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CHANGES IN FREIGHT RATE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether railway changes its freight rate outside Budget through administrative order;
- (b) If so, whether in the Railway Budget 2005-06 and 2006-07, Railway has changed freight rate through classification changes, dynamic pricing, modification of tapers of base class etc;
- (c) If so, the details of impact of changes in freight rate in respect of different freight items in two years;
- (d) Whether attention of the Railways have been drawn to sudden hike in freight due to interim changes in freight rate outside budget and its impact on companies business;
- (e) If so, the facts thereof; and
- (f) The action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Details of changes made in the freight rates of certain major commodities in 2005-06 and 2006-07 are given in the statement attached.
- (d) to (f) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received from some of the railway customers in this regard. Each representation is considered on its merits and after examination of all aspects, a suitable decision is taken.